

Abstract of the Disclosure

An improved universal remote control unit (URC) for home entertainment units.

The URC has the typical remote controller module for controlling appliances such as TV,

5 stereo, VCR or DVD. Additionally, the URC has a built-in digital recorder module for

recording the consumer's voice, or any audio messages from the appliances. The digital

recorder module can be implemented with a microphone, a voice recorder chip and a

speaker, all integrated with the URC unit. The digital recorder module can even use the

battery that is typically used by the URC. The URC alternatively can be implemented with

10 a memory and display screen, coupled to the number keys. Such arrangement allows the

telephone information to be punched in, using the numeric keys on the URC, stored in the

memory for display.